

“ oath of one credible witness, (being some other than the Informer,) and shall
 “ cause the sum forfeited together with the costs of suing for the same, to be levied
 “ by a warrant under his hand to seize and sell the goods of the offender; one half
 “ such forfeiture (except in the case of the fifth article) shall belong to His Majesty
 “ the King, and the other to the Informer. And it shall be lawful for any Com-
 “ missioner of the Peace to convict any person guilty of any offence against this
 “ Ordinance on his own view of such offence; in which case, the whole forfeiture
 “ (except in the case mentioned in the fifth article) shall belong to his said Majesty.
 “ All prosecutions for offences against this Ordinance shall be begun within fifteen
 “ days from the commission of the offence,” shall be and remain in force, in the
 same manner as if the present Act had never been passed.

Nothing in this act contained to affect the proceedings had under the authority of the said Ordinance, commenced before the passing of the Act.

III. Provided always, and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that nothing in this Act contained shall in any wise affect the proceedings, judgment and penalty to be had, rendered and levied in any prosecution under the authority of the said Ordinance, commenced before the passing of this Act; and any such prosecution, shall in all respects have the same effect, and be conducted as if this Act had never been passed.

Continuance of this act.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that this Act shall be and remain in force until the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, and no longer.

C A P. XXIX.

An Act to appropriate a certain sum of money therein-mentioned for the encouragement of Agriculture.

[31st March, 1831.]

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is expedient to appropriate a certain sum of money for the encouragement of Agriculture:—May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted, and be it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of Lower-Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of Great Britain, intituled,
 “ An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act for making more effectual provision for the Government*

“*vernment of the Province of Quebec, in North-America,*” and to make further “provision for the Government of the said Province”: And it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that it shall be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or person administering the Government of this Province for the time being, to advance and pay by warrant or warrants under his hand, a sum not exceeding one thousand two hundred and ninety-five pounds currency, out of the unappropriated monies in the hands of the Receiver General, for the encouragement of Agricultural Improvement in this Province for the present year, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one, which said sum shall from time to time, be advanced and paid as may be deemed necessary to the Agricultural Societies for the Districts of Quebec, Montreal, Three-Rivers, Saint Francis and Gaspé, and in the proportions hereinafter stated, for each respectively, as follows, that is to say:—For the District of Quebec, a sum not exceeding three hundred and sixty pounds currency; for the District of Montreal, a sum not exceeding seven hundred and sixty pounds currency; for the District of Three-Rivers, a sum not exceeding fifty pounds currency; for the District of Saint Francis, a sum not exceeding one hundred pounds currency; and for the District of Gaspé, a sum not exceeding twenty-five pounds currency.

£1295 granted for the purposes of this Act.

How divided between the several Districts.

Out of this sum premiums may be granted.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that out of the said monies there may be allowed by the said Agricultural Societies respectively, to any County Agricultural Society formed or to be formed in any County or Division of any County within the District, such reasonable sum or sums as may be deemed expedient, which shall by the said County Agricultural Societies respectively, be expended and applied for premiums awarded by each of the said County Societies, at Public Exhibitions, held and made pursuant to notice given in the most public manner, in the County where such Exhibitions are to take place, under the superintendance of such County Agricultural Societies.

Such allowance to be made in proportion to the Population of such Counties but not to be payable until such society be formed and if not, then the money to remain at the disposal of the Legislature.

III. Provided always, and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the allowance to be made to any such subordinate or County Agricultural Society, shall be in proportion to the population of such County, and not exceed the amount of the population of the several Parishes, Townships or Settlements, having one or more resident Members in the Committee of Management of such Society, paying an annual subscription towards the Funds thereof, not less than five shillings currency, and that all monies which might be advanced under this Act for the benefit of any County Division or part of a County, but which, owing to the want of a subordinate or County Agricultural Society therein, shall not therefore be for the present year advanced but shall remain unexpended, may at any time during the three years next hereafter be, advanced and paid over for the purposes thereof, to any such Society that may in the meantime be formed in such County, Division or part

part of a County, in the proportion of the population of such Division or County, but if such Society shall not be so in the meantime formed, then the money that shall have been reserved for such County shall thereafter remain at the disposal of the Legislature:

Not to be paid to such Society except on certain conditions.

IV. Provided always and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that no such sum of money shall be advanced or paid over to any such subordinate or County Agricultural Society, until such Society shall have undertaken to account to the Agricultural Society of the District, for the application of the same pursuant to this Act.

Further sums of money which the Society of Quebec is authorized to expend.

V. Provided always and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the Agricultural Society of the District of Quebec shall be and they are hereby authorized to employ and expend such portion of the said sums as are to be expended and employed in any of the Counties or portions of Counties of the said District, wherein there are no auxiliary Societies established.

Expences and Disbursements for conveyance allowed to Members to visit subordinate Societies.

VI. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the said District Societies respectively, may, out of the monies hereby appropriated, allow the expences and disbursements for conveyance only which any of their Members appointed to visit any or all of the subordinate Agricultural Societies in their respective Districts, may incur once a year, for the purpose of aiding or assisting in the formation or arrangement of such Societies but that no compensation or allowance of any kind shall be made from or out of the said monies to any Member or Officer of any such District Society, for any other expences incurred and disbursed, or for any other services, under any pretext whatever than those above mentioned, by any Member or Officer of any such District Society or subordinate Society as aforesaid.

Expences of management allowed.

VII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the said several District Agricultural Societies, may from and out of the monies hereby appropriated expend for the purposes following; that is to say: for the expences of the management, publication, correspondence, and accounting of the Society; a sum not exceeding an equal amount to the sum raised by the said Society, by voluntary contribution for and towards those purposes.

Members of the Legislature and resident Clergy to be honorary Members of the Societies.

VIII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the Members of the Legislature and the resident Clergy shall be Honorary Members of the District Agricultural Society for the District within which they respectively reside, and they shall in like manner be Honorary Members of the subordinate or County Societies, of the County wherein they may respectively reside, and shall as such be notified in writing of the time and place of the meeting of such Societies:—Provid-

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ed always, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent any such Member of the Legislature or resident Clergyman from becoming a Member, if he shall so think proper.

The several District Agricultural Societies of Quebec and Montreal the only Societies recognized for the Counties of Quebec and Montreal.

IX. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the several District Agricultural Societies for Quebec and Montreal, shall be the only Societies that shall under this Act be acknowledged or recognized as Agricultural Societies for the respective Counties wherein they are respectively established, that is to say; for the County of Quebec and the County of Montreal.

District Societies to report their proceedings to the Legislature.

X. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the several District Societies shall report their proceedings with such observations tending to the improvement of the Agriculture of the Province, as they may think proper or useful, and shall account to the Legislature within fifteen days next after the opening of the next Session, for the manner in which the monies hereby appropriated shall have been applied and expended.

Persons charged with the expenditure of public money hereby appropriated, to render a detailed account.

XI. And be it further enacted, that every person to whom shall be entrusted the expenditure of any portion of the monies hereby appropriated, shall make up detailed accounts of such expenditure, showing the sum advanced to the accountant, the sum actually expended, the balance (if any,) remaining in his hands, and the amount of the monies hereby appropriated to the purpose for which such advance shall have been made, remaining unexpended in the hands of the Receiver General, and that every such account shall be supported by Vouchers therein distinctly referred to by numbers corresponding to the numbering of the Items in such account, and shall be made up to and closed on the tenth day of April and tenth day of October in each year, during which such expenditure shall be made and shall be attested before a Justice of the Court of King's Bench or a Justice of the Peace, and shall be transmitted to the Officer whose duty it shall be to receive such account, within fifteen days next after the expiration of the said periods respectively.

Application of the monies to be accounted for to His Majesty, & a detailed account to be laid before the Legislature.

XII. And be it further enacted, that the due application of the monies appropriated by this Act shall be accounted for to His Majesty His Heirs and Successors, through the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury for the time being, in such manner and form as His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors shall direct, and that a detailed account of the expenditure of all such monies shall be laid before the several branches of the Provincial Legislature, within the first fifteen days of the next Session thereof.

C A P. XXX.

AN Act to amend a certain Act passed in the ninth year of the Reign of His late Majesty, intituled, "An Act to suspend for a limited time, certain Ordinances therein mentioned, as far as the same relates to the City of Montreal, and to establish a Society therein, for preventing accidents by Fire."

[31st March, 1831.]

Preamble.

Act 9. Geo. 4,
Cap. 57 amended.Bye Laws &c.
to be submitted
for confirmation to the
Court of
King's Bench
of Montreal.

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Number of vol-
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WHEREAS it is expedient to amend a certain Act passed in the ninth year of the Reign of His late Majesty, intituled, "An Act to suspend for a limited time, certain Ordinances therein mentioned, as far as the same relates to the City of Montreal, and to establish a Society therein for preventing accidents by fire." Be it therefore enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of Lower Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of Great-Britain, intituled, "An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act for making more effectual provision for the Government of the Province of Quebec in North-America,*" and to make further provision for the Government of the said Province; And it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that all Bye-laws, Rules and Regulations, or amendments, or repeal thereof, which may hereafter be made by the Association mentioned in the said Act, by the name of the "Fire Society," may be submitted for confirmation to the Court of King's Bench for the District of Montreal, as provided in the said Act, or to any two of the Judges of the said Court in vacation, and being confirmed by such two Judges, shall remain of record in the office of the Prothonotary of the Court, and shall be published in one or more of the Public Newspapers of the City of Montreal, during two successive weeks, and it shall in all respects be ordered, with respect to the said Bye-laws, Rules and Regulations in the same manner, and they shall then have the same force and effect as if they had been confirmed by the Court of King's Bench for the said District, in Term: Provided always, that no such Bye-laws, Rules or Regulations, shall be so submitted for confirmation until after due notice shall have been given, during two successive weeks, in one or more of the Public Newspapers published in the said City, of the time at which they are to be submitted for confirmation.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the number of Volunteers who shall be assigned by the said Fire Society as enginemen, to each ward in which there shall be engines, shall be fifty for each engine, and not twenty as provided by the said Act; and the said fifty enginemen shall be in all respects subject